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Members of the Westland City Council approved multiple appointments to boards and commissions during their regular meeting March 2.

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Voters approve school millage requests Plymouth-Canton schools

Voters in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools District approved the \$275 million bond proposal on the March 10 ballot by 26,017 yes to 11,997 no votes.

According to school officials, the bond funding will be used for facility and site improvements at several buildings, to enhance safety and security features throughout the district, to purchase furniture and playground upgrades, purchase school buses and address infrastructure and technology needs at most school buildings.

Officials stressed that the approval of the \$275 million bond issue will mean no increase in the current tax rate paid by property owners. Currently, the school debt levy in the district is 4.02 mills.

District officials said the funding will be used to construct a third outdoor athletic stadium at the Plymouth-Canton Educational park and a total renovation of the performing arts center at Salem High School. The bond will also fund new gymnasiums at several elementary schools and a new swimming pool at Plymouth High School.

By state law, the bond money cannot be used for salaries or wages, general operating expense and maintenance or classroom supplies and textbooks.

The funding can only be used for construction and remodeling of facilities, the purchase of instructional technology equipment, other equipment and furniture, site improvements and bus purchases.

Northville school district

Voters in the Northville Public Schools District overwhelmingly approved the replacement of the current sinking fund millage on property tax by extending the 0.9519 rate through 2025.

The millage was approved by Northville precinct one voters 829 to 393 no votes and in precinct two, there were 869 yes vote to 382 no votes on the school extension question.

According to school district officials, approval of the proposal will not increase the current tax paid by property owners in the Northville Public Schools district.

The tax will generate about \$3 million annually which is earmarked for building and site repairs and safety and security upgrades in buildings

throughout the district.

By state law, the bond money cannot be used for salaries or wages, general operating expense and maintenance or classroom supplies and textbooks.

The current levy would have expired on Dec. 31, 2020. The .9519-mill five-year request approved by voters last week is a replacement of the existing Sinking Fund millage and will not result in an increase over the current millage rate.

Priority projects for the next five-year period fall into the categories of Instructional Technology and Security, Energy and Operational Efficiency, and Health and Safety, according to the school district website.



Deacon Lawrence J. Bailey considers his kidney transplant a blessing as he does his family, wife, Imagene, now in long-term care and children, Patrick and Jessica, in the family portrait.

Gift of Life Kidney recipient becomes organ donor advocate

Deacon Lawrence J. Bailey considers his donated kidney a blessing, one that helped him find his purpose in life.

Bailey, 65, a Canton Township resident, received a donated kidney in 2013 and has since dedicated himself to spreading his 'blessing' by educating the African American community about the need for organ donors and dispelling the most common misconceptions about donation.

"I didn't really find my purpose in life until after my transplant. After my transplant, I was thrust into an arena to educate people," he said. "I realized, really, what I was created for. The reason I know that is because of the joy I get out of doing what I do now. I get joy in explaining to people why it's important to be an organ donor. That's why I give it my all."

Bailey is an Air Force veter-

an who retired after 31 years with the Marathon Oil Co. He's served in his church, the Greater Seth Church of God in Christ in Farmington Hills, as a deacon trainer, usher trainer and church administrator. He became concerned with his kidneys more than a decade ago, when he began feeling very fatigued and lost his appetite - and a lot of weight. He knew diabetes ran in his family, so he went to his health

care provider who told him his kidneys would fail within five years.

"He was pretty accurate," Bailey said. "I stretched it out a bit - I started to exercise and changed what I ate - but it was too little, too late."

Seven years later, he started dialysis and was placed on the waiting list for a new kidney. He was on the list for about

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Recycling program to return to City of Westland

Westland voters approved a Sanitation Millage Ballot Proposal on the ballot March 10 by a large margin 11,738 yes to 6,773 no votes

The millage, a proposed 1 mill to be levied on all taxable property in the city for a 10-year period will be used to fund recycling and garbage services in the city. The millage, expected to general approximately \$1.75 million the first year, will be used for recycling, bulk pickup

disposal, yard waste collection, composting and trash/pickup disposal.

"I want to thank the residents of Westland for understanding the importance of, and overwhelmingly supporting the Sanitation Millage," noted Mayor William R. Wild on the city Facebook page. "The passing of this millage ensures the continued delivery of Westland's trash pickup, composting and the popular bulk item pickup

and drop off center programs. I pledge to work with the city council to reinstitute our award winning curbside recycling program in a timely fashion and continue our Mission Green goals of creating a sustainable community for future generations."

Wild said the city discontinued the recycling program last year after the cost per ton increased from \$18 to \$80 and that the city budget could not

stretch to cover that increased expense although he knew this was a service residents wanted to continue.

Wild said that summer tax bills printed in June, mailed out in July, would include the sanitation millage. He said he estimated the average increase per household would be about \$50. The term of the millage proposal is 10 years, beginning this year and continuing through 2029.

Inkster - Romulus



Chad Alexander Smith

Suspect facing 22 criminal charges

The man who engaged in a shoot-out with Romulus Police and took a 7-year-old boy hostage for several hours is now facing more than 20 criminal charges.

Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy has charged Chad Alexander Smith, 33, with two counts of assault with intent to murder; kidnapping; carjacking; home invasion first degree; two counts of assault with intent to do great bodily harm; as a felon in possession of a firearm; the killing/torturing of an animal; two counts of assaulting/resisting/obstructing police and 11 counts of felony

firearm violations.

Smith does not have a home city of residence on record with authorities.

The charges stem from an incident that began with an attempted carjacking on the 9370 block of Lisa Street in Romulus last August. According to police reports of the incident, the suspect abandoned his attempt to steal a vehicle and ran from the scene as police arrived.

Police said that the fleeing suspect jumped the backyard fence of a home at 34540 Wick Road and encountered a dog in the yard. The suspect shot the dog and then

encountered the responding Romulus police officers and gunfire was exchanged during which the suspect was injured, according to police reports.

Prosecutors allege that Smith then entered the residence where he took a 7-year-old boy hostage for several hours.

Romulus police contacted Michigan State Police at about 5:23 p.m. Aug. 3 for assistance regarding an armed standoff and hostage situation at the Wick Road home. Police reported that Smith surrendered to police and ended the standoff shortly after state troopers arrived on the

scene. The child was not physically injured, according to reports.

“We are very grateful that the young child was physically unharmed as a result of this incident. The fact remains, however, that Mr. Smith must face the serious criminal consequences of his alleged actions,” commented Worthy.

Smith was arraigned on the charges in 34th District Court in Romulus last Wednesday and was ordered to remain in police custody. He has been referred by the court for a competency examination and a court date will be set when the reports are completed.

Seized kangaroo died during transport to Detroit Zoo

The kangaroo seized in a raid of a storefront by Romulus police last August died while being transported to the Detroit Zoo.

Javon Stacks, who is facing three animal abuse and cruelty charges, appeared in court earlier this month week where he learned that one of the kangaroos seized by police died as the animal was being transported by zoo workers Aug. 15. Police seized more than 500 animals during the raid.

“During the necropsy we determined that her (the kangaroo) second vertebra, the cervical vertebra, was fractured,” said Dr. Ann Duncan, chief veterinarian at the Detroit Zoo, during a recent hearing in 34th District Court.

According to Romulus police, the raid occurred Aug. 15 after they received a tip about the exotic animals, described as abandoned, being kept at a strip mall location in

the city.

Stacks has vehemently denied the charges and claims that as the owner of a company called Exotic Zoo, which he said is still licensed by both the state and federal authorities, he took good care of the animals. He said that the animals were well treated and were part of a traveling zoo that took exotic animals to schools, libraries and children's parties.

During the court hearing, Elizabeth Arbaugh of the Detroit Zoo disputed Stacks' claims of care for the animals.

“I saw animals upon animals, crates on top of each other; it smelled awful, there was no natural light,” she told the court.

The Detroit Zoo issued a statement denying any culpability in the animal's death.

“DZS staff did not witness anything that would have caused the injury during the

process of transferring her; (the kangaroo) or see or hear anything, after she was in the transport crate that would indicate that she had injured herself in the crate.

“The Detroit Zoological Society is often contacted by law enforcement agencies and asked to help when exotic animals are confiscated from private individuals, as in the Romulus case. The DZS is a leader in animal welfare, and is a strong advocate for stricter state and federal laws that limit keeping of exotic animals to organizations

that have the expertise, resources and commitment to ensure their well being.”

The statement was signed by Scott Carter, Detroit Zoological Society chief life sciences officer. Stacks was scheduled for another court appearance on the charges this week but the outcome was unknown at press time.

Stacks said earlier that he will be exonerated of all charges.

“I actually have strong facts and evidence to show that this was a complete setup,” Stacks said.

Voters OK Westwood millage

Voters in the Westwood Community School District which includes a portion of the City of Inkster approved a 3-mill Sinking Fund Millage proposal on the ballot last week.

Voters cast 1,810 yes votes for the millage and 944 no votes on the question.

The request appeared only on Inkster ballots for voters in precincts where students attend the Westwood Community Schools.

The proposal asked voters to approve the levy of up to but not to exceed 3 mills for 10 years on all property in the city. That will be a cost of \$3 for every thou-

sand dollars of assessed property value, usually half of the retail value of property.

The tax will now be in effect from 2020 through 2019 and will be used only for the construction or repair of school buildings, for school security improvements, for the acquisition or upgrading of technology and other purposed authorized by law.

The use of sinking fund millage funding is restricted by state law and cannot be used for general operating expenses or salaries.

The approved millage is expected to generate about \$775,812 in 2020.

NOTICE TO RESIDENTS
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

If you experience an overflow or backup of a sewage disposal system or storm water system, you must file a written claim with the Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works within 45 days after the overflow or backup was discovered. Notice should be mailed to Charter Township of Canton, Division of Public Works, 1150 S. Canton Center, Canton, Michigan 48188. Failure to provide the written notice will prevent recovery of damages. Contact the Division of Public Works at 734/397-1011 for assistance immediately upon discovery of an overflow or backup.

THANK YOU
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
DIVISION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the State of Michigan, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 6, 2020 in the **First Floor Meeting Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

THE MEADOWS OF CANTON MINOR PLANNED DEVELOPMENT (PDD) - (R-1, PDD) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 27.04 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO(S). 072 99 0005 704 AND 072 99 0009 002. Property is located on the west side of Ridge Road between Cherry Hill and Saltz Roads.

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission may be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 2, 2020, in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP

G. Greene, Chairman
Planning Commission - March 18, 2020

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The Meadows of Canton 072-PDM-5760

CREATED BY:
CANTON TWP PLANNING SERVICES
1150 S. CANTON CENTER ROAD
CANTON, MI 48188
(734) 394-5170
CREATED ON:
March 5, 2020

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 2, 2020
Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Rd, Romulus, MI 48174

The Meeting was Called to Order by Mayor Pro Tem John Barden, Jr. at 7:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Kathy Abdo, John Barden, Celeste Roscoe, Tina Talley, William Wadsworth, Eva Webb, Virginia Williams

Absent / Excused: None.

Administrative Officials in Attendance:

Leroy Burcroff, Mayor

Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Administrative Staff in Attendance:

Julie Wojtylko, Chief of Staff

Robin R. Underwood, Deputy Clerk

Julie Albert, City Assessor

1. Agenda

Moved by **Tina Talley**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Agenda as presented. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

2. Minutes

A. Res. #20-071 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

B. Res. #20-072 Moved by **Kathy Abdo**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing held on February 24, 2020. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

3. Petitioner- None.

4. Chairperson's Report, John Barden, Mayor Pro-Tem

A Special Meeting/Study Session was held today at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the ITB #19/20-15 2020 HMA Road Paving Contract.

Res. #20-073 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to approve the Memorial Resolution for Lorie B. (Hadyniak) Zilka. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Councilman Wadsworth spoke on the 16th annual Romulus Animal Shelter Bowl-A-Thon fundraiser. Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Tina Talley** to accept the Chairperson's Report. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

5. Mayor's Report – LeRoy D. Burcroff, Mayor

-A community events video was presented.

-Mayor Burcroff invited Pete Fromm, Management Professional, of Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) to address the Council, and speak on the impending Wick Road Project and its impact on the upcoming Election Season.

-Mayor Burcroff invited Julie Albert, Director of Financial Services to address the Council and answer questions regarding the proposed Special Assessment.

A. Res. #20-074 Moved by **Eva Webb**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to concur with Administration and confirm and certify the proposed Special Assessment Roll for the removal and replacement of pedestrian lighting on the West Side of Wickham from Merriman south to Wick. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

Res. #20-075 Moved by **Celeste Roscoe**, seconded by **Virginia Williams** to concur with Administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into the attached Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Romulus and Michigan Recreation and Park Association (*mParks) for Infrastructure Enhancements at Boice/Fernandez Parkway/Trail (Columbus/Hearst Streets) for \$10,000 for seal coating the parkway and Physical Activity Programming (Walk Michigan) at Boice/Fernandez Parkway/Trail for \$4,400. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

6. Clerk's Report – Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk

-Video highlighting the March 10, 2020 Presidential Primary Election was presented by City Clerk Ellen Craig-Bragg.

A. Res. #20-076 Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Kathy Abdo** to approve the Second Reading; Final Adoption of Budget Amendment 19/20-16 MIDC Funding.

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
Michigan Indigent Defense Compliance Fund				
Revenues				
260-000-539.286	State Grant MIDC Reimb	96,630.00	289,710.00	386,340.00
260-000-664.000	Investment Earnings	-	9,000.00	9,000.00
260-000-699.101	Transfer-In General Fund	-	56,030.00	56,030.00
Expense				
260-000-710.000	Police Overtime Wages	-	510.00	510.00
260-000-715.000	Police Social Security	-	470.00	470.00
260-000-715.001	Police Medicare	-	110.00	110.00
260-000-716.100	Defined Benefit Plan	-	120.00	120.00
260-000-722.000	Worker's Comp	-	120.00	120.00
260-000-817.000	Contractual Atty Fee	106,230.00	283,410.00	389,640.00
260-000-818.000	Contractual Services	700.00	70,000.00	70,700.00

To recognize anticipated revenues to be received from Michigan Indigent Defense Compliance Plan Grant Funding and set up the anticipated line item budget for additional operational expenses for FY2019/20. Any revenues in excess of expenditures will roll over into fund balance and will be utilized for the FY2020/21 budget according to the State of Michigan's grant period.

Motion Carried Unanimously

7. Treasurer's Report – Stacy Paige, Treasurer

Treasurer Paige announced that Real Property Taxes or Personal Property Taxes are due by 8:00 a.m. tomorrow, Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Drop boxes are available for ease of access to make payments, and a Kiosk is available at the RAC. A heartfelt, "Thank you!" to the Treasurer's Office staff for the Dog/Cat day inoculation support. St. John's Lodge fundraiser is on Sunday.

Councilman Wadsworth talked about the annual Dog/Cat inoculation day.

8. Public Comment - None.

9. Unfinished Business - None.

10. New Business

Councilwoman Williams led discussion on the new Interim Chief of Police, Robert Pfannes. An announcement of the Swearing-In will take place Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

11. Communication

-Councilwoman Talley spoke about the Soul Food dinner, and thanked all for their support, donations, and community service.

-Mayor Burcroff stated, "Good Work" relative to the annual Soul Food dinner.

-Mayor Pro Tem Barden spoke about Romulus Alumni and gathering; Congratulated the Romulus H.S. Basketball team as the Western League Champions.

-Councilwoman Abdo thanked all who participated in the annual Romulus Drug Task Force bowling fundraiser.

-Councilwoman Webb thanked Tina Talley for a Fabulous Job, and great communication during the two day school closure/inclimate weather conditions which preempted the scheduled Soul Food dinner cancellation, but successfully serving Romulus Seniors and residents for two days, thereafter.

-Councilwoman Williams thanked city employee Roger Kadau for his support during the bowling fun-filled festivities.

12. Adjournment

Moved by **William Wadsworth**, seconded by **Celeste Roscoe** to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. **Motion Carried Unanimously**

I, Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Romulus City Council held on March 2, 2020.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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NORTHVILLE - PLYMOUTH

Northville Public Schools are named ‘Best in State’

The Northville Public School District received top marks from Backgroundchecks.org, a rating system that determined the top 100 schools in the state. Northville was rated as the best school district in the state, the district consistently has a graduation rate of more than 96 percent and students outper-

form the national averages of both the ACT and SAT tests on a regular basis. Northville was closely followed by Lake Orion Community Schools in second place and Hudsonville Public Schools in third while the Novi Community School District was placed at fourth among Michigan public school dis-

tricts. The rating was based on variables including the number of students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade; graduation rate; school funding

per student; student to teacher ratio and percent of students scoring above the proficient level in standardized state math, reading and language tests, according to the Backgroundchecks.org website. Data from a total of 10,247 public school districts was used to compute a score for each school district.

Plymouth commissioners OK plan for Kellogg Park Fountain

Members of the Plymouth City Commission authorized the agreement for funding of the new fountain in Kellogg Park at their March 2 meeting. The grant agreement between the city and the Wilcox Foundation is for the amount of \$1,170,449.10 for the construction and installation of the new fountain. Commissioners also authorized the expense of an additional \$30,000 for the fountain project.

This newly approved funding is in addition to the previous authorization of \$20,000 in funding from the Downtown Development Authority bringing the city contribution for the fountain to \$50,000. Construction on the new fountain is expected to begin in late June of this year, officials said. Commissioners also approved upgrades to the geothermal computer control system at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The

low bid of \$34,892 from Automated Energy System of Madison Heights was approved. The system upgrades are expected to take place this May.

In addition, commissioners awarded Plymouth Trading Post the contract for the purchase of soccer equipment for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and approved a bid from B Clean Air Maintenance to perform air duct cleaning at both Plymouth City Hall and the Department of Municipal Services. Emergency repairs to the city water system stemming from the water main break in December near Hamilton and Red Ryder were also approved by the commissioners before they went into closed session to discuss a legal matter.

Cost of repairs to MainCentre parking lot are discussed

There is no dispute that improvements to the lower level of the two-story parking deck at Center and Cady streets in downtown Northville are needed, but who funds the repairs is a matter of opinion. According to a report from City Manager Pat Sullivan, the repairs are the responsibility of Singh, the company that owns and operates MainCentre. Singh attorney Lawrence Kilgore, however, maintains that the responsibility for the repairs rests with

the city as part of the original contract between Singh and the City of Northville. Kilgore told members of the city council that Singh bought parking credits of just under \$1 million to be able to use the lower level of the parking deck and add gates so it could be used exclusively by residents of MainCentre. He told the council members during a public hearing earlier this month that the city is responsible for all repairs and maintenance to the deck based on the original

contract and that Singh does not intend to pay the assessed cost of \$227,950. He told the council members that Singh is prepared to take the issue to the State Tax Tribunal and reminded officials that Singh pays the electric bills, paid for the painting of the lower level and funds the janitorial services for the bridge and elevator attached to the parking deck which are used by the public. City of Northville attorney Greg Need responded that the

matter of future repairs and maintenance is not clearly defined in the original contract and that an assessment of the property should be completed. The council members agreed to prepare and adopt a resolution to have the city assessor prepare a special assessment roll for the MainCentre Parking Deck Special Assessment District and a public hearing on the matter was to be scheduled at the March 16 city council meeting.

Conference of Western Wayne board officers are selected

Belleville Mayor Kerreen Conley will serve as the chair of the Conference of Western Wayne association for 2020. Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams will serve as vice-chairperson; Wayne Mayor John Rhaesa will serve as

treasurer; David Glaab, supervisor of Huron Township will act as secretary of the association and Robert Nix II will be chair emeritus of the group. The Conference of Western Wayne comprises 18 member communities and is

a bi-partisan group representing nearly 700,000 residents in the region. The group also served as the 911 service district for Western Wayne County, according to the

association website. The new leadership team was selected during the meeting of the board members which took place Feb. 14 in Romulus.

Township of Sumpter
2020-2021 Budget Public Hearing Notice

The Sumpter Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 on March 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm.

***The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at Clerk's Office.

The Sumpter Township board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon a 5 day notice to the Sumpter Township board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Sumpter Township board by writing or calling the following: Esther Hurst, Clerk at 23480 Sumpter Rd., Belleville, MI 48111 or by phone at; (734) 461-6201 ext. 2224.

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 and MCL 211.24c

Esther Hurst, Clerk
Posted: March 19, 2020
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NOTICE TO CUT NOXIOUS WEEDS

To the owner or occupant or any person or persons, firm or corporation having charge of any land in the Township of Canton:

Notice is hereby given that all noxious weeds growing on any land in the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, must be cut and destroyed on or before the 1st day of May, June, July, August, and September 2020 and/or as needed. And every owner, occupant, or person having charge of any such land must notify the Township that such weeds have been destroyed within three days of such cutting. Any person failing to comply with this notice on or before the date mentioned shall be liable to the imposition of the penalties set forth in Ordinance Number 64, of the Charter Township of Canton, Wayne County, Michigan, and shall be liable for all expenses incurred by the Township in destroying said noxious weeds, which expenses, if unpaid by the owner or to the occupant, shall be spread against the property on the next County and School Tax Roll or the next General Township Tax Roll and/or the Township may place a lien upon the property to secure the collection of such expense.

The township may notify by certified mail, with return receipt requested, the owner, agent, or occupant, as shown on the current county and school tax roll, of any lands on which such noxious weeds are found growing. Such notice shall contain methods of treating and eradicating such noxious weeds and a summary of the provisions of this section. Failure of the township to give such notice shall not, however, constitute a defense to any action to enforce the payment of any penalty provided in this article or any debt created under this article.

NOTICE TO CUT LAWN GRASS IN EXCESS OF FIVE INCHES

The township shall notify the violator of excessive lawn grass in the same manner as provided for in Ord. No. 78-2(c).

(Ord. No. 64, as amended, § 6, 6-24-1997; Ord. of 8-9-2016(1), § 1)

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
APRIL 9, 2020

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals on **WEDNESDAY, April 9, 2020 at 7:00 PM.** The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Greg Engle, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda for April 9, 2020

Approval of Minutes from the March 12, 2020 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar

- Applicant Danny Veri, for property located on the east side of Lilley Road between Warren and Joy Roads, Zoning R-6. Appealing Section 26.02, variances to front setback, building height and number of stories in the R-6 district and Section 6.03A, variances from building separation for multiple-family buildings and location of driveway relative to the wall of a building. Parcel ID 008-99-0001-707 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Kerreen Conley, Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260. Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.

A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING
April 15, 2020 – 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider variance requests to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance as follows:

- 15500 Portis Rd. – Article 34 Land Division, Combination or Reconfiguration, to allow a land division where the resulting lots will have a depth to width ratio that exceeds 3:1.
- 16220 Old Bedford Rd. – Article 22 Nonconforming Uses, Building & Structures, to expand a nonconforming setback.
- 900 Spring Dr. – Article 18 Schedule of Regulations, to allow reduced front and side yard setbacks.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PLANNING COMMISSION
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Michigan Public Act 110 of 2006, of the Charter Township of Canton, as amended, and pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Canton that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Canton will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, April 6, 2020, in the **First Floor Board Room of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road at 7:00 p.m.** on the following proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance:

FILMORE PLACE PLANNED DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (PDD) – (FINAL PLAN) - CONSIDER REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A PDD AS PERMITTED IN SECTION 170.1 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE INCLUSIVE OF PARCEL NO. 125 99 0002 709. Property is located north of Beck's Avenue and west of Beck Road. (Second Public Hearing.)

Written comments addressed to the Planning Commission should be received at the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 Canton Center S. prior to Thursday, April 9, 2020 in order to be included in the materials submitted for review.

SEE ATTACHED MAP Greg Greene, Chairman
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WAYNE - WESTLAND

Here she is... Distinguished Young Women for 2021 title winners are chosen

Morgan Butler, a student at Wayne Memorial High School was named as the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne-Westland for 2021 during ceremonies March 6.

Nine contestants from Wayne, Westland and Inkster competed for thousands of dollars in college scholarships and the chance to represent local communities at local events and at the state finals in July 2020. The scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

Butler received a total of \$2,200 in scholarships including several category scholarships during the event.

Emma Elinski, a student at John Glenn High School in Westland, was named as the Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne County for 2021 during the event and was awarded \$850 in scholarships.

Named as Distinguished Young Woman of Westland for 2021 was Arleth Gonzalez, who was awarded \$700 in scholarships during the pageant.

The women performed an opening number and competed in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self expression. The contestants were also evaluated based on academic scholastics and an interview.

In addition to Butler, Elinski and Gonzalez, Isabella Riopelle of John Glenn earned \$550 in scholarship money; Zuriel Phillips, was awarded \$100 in college funding; Shannon Blevins also was awarded \$100. All three are students at John Glenn High School.

La'tavia Bentress of Wayne Memorial High School earned \$200 in scholarship money and Savannah Byers of John Glenn earned \$100 in scholarship funds. Wendy Santiago-Rivera of Wayne Memorial earned \$100 in award funds and Shauna Jackson of Cass Technical High School was awarded \$100. All the



Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne Westland Morgan Butler, center, and first runner up, Distinguished Young Woman of Wayne County Emma Elinski, at right, and second runner up, Distinguished Young Woman of Westland Arleth Gonzalez, left, were awarded multiple scholarships during the pageant earlier this month.

candidates for the honor were high school juniors.

The Wayne-Westland Local Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, which has impacted the lives of more than 765,000 young women since it first began in 1958.

This year, the program, co-directed by Lauren Reed and Jodi Berry awarded \$5,000 to the participating students.

Voters agree to 3 changes to Wayne City Charter

Voters in the City of Wayne approved all three amendments to the city charter on the March 10 ballot.

City officials asked voters to amend the city charter to permit them to extend the current 1-mill tax dedicated to funding police and fire services for another six years. The current mill expires this year and the extension will keep the current property tax in the city at the same level. Voters agreed with 2,432 yes to 829 no votes on the question.

The yes votes will increase the tax rate by 1-mill or \$1 for every thousand dollars of assessed property valuation which is usually about half the market value of the property.

Officials said that the millage was necessary to continue to provide adequate police and fire services in the struggling city which continues to face a projected budget deficit, according to auditors. The millage is expected to generate about \$350,000 annually to support the police and fire departments in the city.

Voters were also asked to further amend the Wayne City Charter to extend the term of

the mayor from two years to four years, beginning with the mayoral election set for Nov. 3.

That proposal was an extremely close vote with 1,639 in favor of the change and 1,632 opposed to the change. The vote total had not been officially certified by Wayne County at press time.

The third proposal on the March 10 ballot was also an amendment to the city charter to change the time of the regular meetings of the members of the Wayne City Council. Officials are proposing that officials be allowed to start the meetings between 6 and 8 p.m. the first and third Tuesday of each month. That change to the charter was approved by a vast majority of voters, 2,753 yes votes to 487 no votes.

Westland appoints 4 to volunteer city commissions

Members of the Westland City Council approved appointments to boards and commissions during their regular meeting March 2.

Don Nicholson has been appointed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council. Nicholson has lived in Westland for 45 years and is the owner of Don Nicholson Enterprises, LLC. which has provided services to the Wayne-Westland community for more than 25 years.

Nicholson recently served as chairperson of the Disability Concerns Committee and was the City of Westland 2015 Business Person of the Year. He is the chairperson for the Westland Chamber of Commerce, president of Friends of Nankin Mills, winner of the Governor's Award for Tourism Partnership 2016 and each year organizes Cruisin' Hines, the Wayne Road Cruise.

His term will expire on Dec. 31, 2021.

Ruby Richards has been appointed to a three-year term on the Planning Commission. She has been a Westland resident for more than 10 years and is an active member of the community.

Richards graduated from Macomb County Community College with a degree in Auto Body Design. She has been working at AM General for 30 years

Heinicke supervises different events in Westland and is an advocate for the Westland Business Community in promoting growth and success. She was a college admissions officer during which time she recruited high school seniors to attend college.

Heinicke's term will expire on Feb. 5, 2022.

"Don, Deanna, Ruby and Gretchen bring diverse skill sets, life experiences and enthusiasm to their newly-appointed positions and I look forward to working with them throughout their upcoming terms," commented Mayor William R. Wild.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Coordinator, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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Calendar of events

Due to health concerns and government mandates, some events may have been postponed after press time. A call to organizers or check with the respective websites is suggested.

When There Are Nine continues in Canton

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will present "When There Are Nine", a multi-media women's art exhibit, which will feature nine female artists showcasing their 2D and 3D artwork as a beacon of women's causes and issues during National Women's History Month.

Approximately 50 works of art will be on display and available for sale in the Gallery@VT until March 30.

This and all art exhibits at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill are free and open to the public from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater; as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed on holidays.

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill is located at 50400 Cherry Hill Road in Canton. For more information, call (734) 394-5300 or visit cantonvillage theater.org.

Senior Tax help offered

AARP Foundation Volunteer Tax Aides will offer free tax preparation services at the Northville Community Center again this year. Tax preparation is by appointment only and is offered from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. each Thursday at the Northville Community Center. This service is provided to taxpayers with low/middle income with special preference for appointments to those 60 and older.

Appointments can be made by calling (248) 305-2851.

AARP Tax Volunteers are certified for tax preparation and will electronically file federal and state tax returns. Tax payers will leave the 1-1 1/2 hour appointment with a copy of their e-filed returns, and the knowledge that their tax returns have been filed at both Michigan and IRS acceptance sites.

Maple Syrup tours set

Area residents have a unique opportunity every weekend in March at Maybury Farm.

The farm will offer Making Maple Syrup tours every Saturday and Sunday which include a wagon ride to the Sugar Bush in the woods where the maple trees will be tapped for sap. The wagon will then take visitors back to the Sugar Shack where the sap will be converted into maple syrup.

Tours are set to begin every half hour from 1 until 4:30 p.m. and tastes of the syrup will be offered. This event is popular each year and space is limited so arrive early to reserve a spot, organizers advised. To schedule a private Maple Syrup Tour for groups of 15 or more, call (248) 374-0200.

Maybury Farm is located at 50165 Eight Mile Road in Northville. The cost for Maple Syrup Tour is \$8 per person and children younger than 2 are admitted free with an adult.

Visit information at (248) 344-0497.

Rosie the Riveter visits

The Belleville Area Museum will celebrate National Rosie the Riveter Day from 1-4 p.m. Saturday, March 21 with visits from original and tribute Rosies along with Suffragette reenactors. Dressing up as a Rosie or Suffragette is encouraged, organizers said. There will be a female empowerment group photo at 2:30 p.m. and light refreshments and activities are planned.

The museum is located at 405 Main St. in Belleville. For information, call (734) 697-1944.

Mom to Mom sale set

Canton Leisure Services will sponsor Mom To Mom Sale from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Saturday, March 21 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway. Find more than 65 booths featuring gently-used baby and kids clothing, shoes, and more all at a fraction of the cost. Admission is \$2 from 8-9 a.m. and \$1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. For more information, call (734) 394-5460.

Indoor Farmers Market set

It may not yet be spring, but that isn't stopping the Farmers Markets in Canton.

The township will host special off-season markets from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 22 and April 26 at the Summit on the Park, located at 46000 Summit Parkway, while choosing from a variety of vendors.

Bridge Card and Double Up Food Bucks transactions will also be accepted. Tokens may be purchased at the Canton Leisure Services table. Plenty of parking is typically available toward the rear of the Summit parking lot. Market-goers are encouraged to enter through the banquet doors.

For additional Canton Farmers Market information, visit www.cantonmi.org/496 or contact Driscoll at cantonfarmersmarket@cantonmi.org or by calling (734) 394-5375.

Jazz at the Elks featured

Jazz at the Elks takes place from 7 until 9:30 p.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. There is a \$10 donation at the door which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The Dave Bennett Quartet will perform March 31.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, one mile west of I-275. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

Fairy Garden workshop set

The Wayne Historical Society will sponsor a Fairy Garden Workshop from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 4 at the museum, 1 Town Square, in downtown Wayne.

The \$20 fee includes all supplies for the make and take workshop.

For more information, call (734) 722-0113.

Garden Club to meet

Members of the Country Garden Club of Northville will meet at 11 a.m. April 1 at Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville.

The speaker will be Tony Panapucci whose topic will be Garden Excavator.

Snacks will be provided.

For more information, call (248) 202-1518. The meeting is open to the public.

Maybury Sanitorium is topic

Maybury Sanitorium: Fresh Air Care will be the topic of two presentations in Northville in April.

Both presentations will begin at 7 p.m. The April 6 presentation will take place at the Northville District Library in downtown Northville and the April 7 presentation will take place at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville.

The moderator of the programs will be Joe Oldenburg, a local historian, who is a member of the Northville Township Historic District Fund.

The presentations are free but due to the popularity of the programs, reservations are highly recommended and can be made at (248) 349-3020.

Blues at the Elks featured

Blues at The Elks takes place from 7 until 10 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society.

Motor City Josh and the Big 3 will perform Tuesday, April 14.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge 325 is located at 41700 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth, one mile west of I-275. For more information, call (734) 453-1780.

Mayors' Ball tickets on sale

Tickets for the 7th Annual Mayors' Ball benefiting the Romulus and Donahey Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan are now on sale.

Tickets, priced at \$100 per couple, include the cocktail hour from 6-7 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, followed by dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing from 8:30 until 11 p.m.

There will be silent and live auctions during the evening at the Belleville Yacht Club, 831 E. Huron River Dr. in Belleville.

Formal attire is encouraged for the event. To purchase tickets or more information, call Julie Wojtylke at (734) 320-3834 or the Romulus Club at (734) 641-3382.

Jazz at the Elks featured

Jazz at the Elks takes place

Gift

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seven years before he got the call that a potential match had been found.

Bailey said he learned his situation was not an uncommon one among African Americans and other minority groups. Due to high rates of diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease, African Americans are three times more likely to develop kidney failure than other ethnic groups. They represent about 13 percent of the population of the U.S., but more than 35 percent of all patients receiving dialysis. It's estimated that more than 4.9 million African Americans are living with either diagnosed or undiagnosed diabetes, too.

In Michigan, about 2,228 people are on the waiting list to receive a new kidney. Of those, about 35 percent are African American; in fact, all minorities combined make up more than 1,000 of the names on the list.

Bailey's advocacy started in 2014, when he was one of four Detroit-area clergymen appointed to launch the Angels for Life program through Gift of Life Michigan Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Education Program (MOTTEP).

"It really did what it was planned to do, which was to increase the number of African American organ donors. The numbers in the state of Michigan went up," he said. "I just have to believe it was because of education that minorities started to sign up."

He has since frequently volunteered with Gift of Life Michigan and MOTTEP, speaking at church and other community events as well as through the media. He's earned a Shining Star Award from the Secretary of State for his efforts, too. It's not always an easy conversation to start, he said.

About Gift of Life Michigan

Gift of Life Michigan is a federally designated organ procurement organization that serves the state of Michigan as the intermediary between donors, their families and hospital staff. In collaboration with Eversight, Gift of Life provides all services necessary for organ, eye and tissue donation. For more information, or to sign up on the Donor Registry, visit www.golm.org or call 866.500.5801. For information about minority outreach, visit www.detroitmottetp foundation.org.

"Organ donation is a hard sell for some people. A lot of them, right off the bat, say: 'oh no. I'm not giving up my organs; they're going to take my organs.' You hear a lot of things that are not fact," Bailey said. "You have to take the time to educate people. It's a good feeling when you talk to people and you explain to them why it's important to be organ donors and then, two years later, they come back and tell you they signed up because of what you said."

Educating the community and encouraging people to sign up on the Donor Registry is also another way to honor the people who donate their organs, which he said was an act of great love and compassion.

"To me, receiving my organ transplant was the greatest thing in the world - until I was humbled to the fact that it really was not about me, it was about the donor," he said. "I live today because of the gift that someone gave me. There's no greater love than when a man or a woman can give of themselves so another can live. That's why I celebrate being a recipient, but I celebrate the donor more."

Bailey also spends time caring for his wife, Imagene, who is in long-term care after suffering a stroke and dementia. The two were teenage sweethearts who met at their first jobs at McDonalds and subsequently married and had two children, Patrick and Jessica.

Tuesday, April 28.

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